(c) whether any incentive has been given to NFIs to set up electronic industries in India, during the current year, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the response from NRIs in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMANTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) India's electronics production rose from Rs. 173 crores in 1971 to Rs. 11,425 crores in 1992. Exports grew from Rs. 45 crores in 1980-81 to Rs. 1701 crores in 1992-93. Electronic export from India is however, less than that of countries like Japan, Taiwan etc. Electronic industry in countries like Hongkong, Taiwan etc, developed in a globalised environment as several of the critical materials and components are manufactured only by a few companies in the world with closely held technologies. On the other hand, the Indian electronic industry had a domestic market oriented growth behind high tariff barriers. As the domestic market is not big enough to warrant globally competitive sizes, the operations of most Indian electronic industries have remained sub-optimal with less than adequate commitment to R&D and quality. The high cost of inputs and finance also tend to erode the competitiveness of the Indian electronic industry.

No specific incentives have been given to NRIs to set up-electronics industry. Liberalisation of the economy and introduction of export oriented schemes like Software Tecrnology Park (STP) and Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) are expected to sharpen the international competitiveness of the Indian electronic industry.

Qulified C.P.L. Pilots in the country

*112. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of approved qualified Commercial Pilot Licence holders in the country as on the 31st October, 1993 vis-a-vis the demand for them for our domestic and international flights as at present ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some pilots have left Indian Airlines and Air India and joined other international airways for high-prospects and attractive salary and perks ;

(c) if so, the number of trained senior pilots who have left these two companies during the last three years and till 31st October, 1993; and

(d) what steps-are being taken to fill the gap between demand and availability of pilots ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) As on 31-10-93, Director General of Civil Aviation has issued 1457 Commercial Pilot Licences. Issuing of licences is not linked with the demand for employment of pilots.

(b) and (c) During the period from 1-1-91 to 31.10.93, 112 pilots left Indian Airlines and 6 pilots left Air India.

(d) The shortage of pilots in Indian Airlines is being met through a new agreement under which the flight and Duty Time of pilots has been increased and a revised training pattern introduced.

Incident at Runway at Bombay Airport

*113. SHRI N. E. BALARAM :
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether a vehicle carrying a foreign diplomat crossed the main runway at Bombay airport around 12.20 p.m. or the 11th October, 1993 when an Indian Airlines Trivandrum-bound flight was taking off;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) and (b) on 11-10-93 Indian Airlines flight No. IC-167 was taking off from Runway 27 at Bombay Airport. During the take-off roll, the commander sighted a Maruti Car crossing the runway and reported the matter to Air Traffic Control. On receipt of the information, Apron Security Supervisor intercepted the vehicle and handed over the occupants to the police. The vehicel was not carrying any foreign diplomat.

(c) Occupants of the car were arrested by the police and later released or bail. Cases have been registered against three persons.

Disciplinary action against the personnel manning the perimeter has been initiated.

In order to prevent recurrence of such incidents, checking of vehicles has been made stricter and checks of operational area has been intesified.

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*114. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल ही में छः राज्यों में संपन्न चुनावों पर कितना खर्च हुआ ; और

(ख) मतपत्रों की छपाई और सुरक्षा कर्मियों की तैनाती पर किए गए खर्च का अलग-अलग ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) और (ख) हाल ही में हिमाचल प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश, मिजोरम, राजस्थान, उत्तर प्रदेश राज्यों और दिल्ली राष्ट्रीय राजधानी राज्यक्षेत्र में निर्वाचनों पर हुए व्यय के, जिसके अंतर्गत मतपत्रों का मुद्रण और सुरक्षा कार्मिकों के अभिनियोजन पर हुआ व्यय भी सम्मिलित है, ब्यौरे उपलब्ध नहीं हैं । इन्हे एकत्र किया जा रहा है और सदन के पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

Indian Reaction on US Declaration Regarding SLV Development

*115. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report of the Hindustan Times dated 1st October, 1993 that US will not support the satellite launch vehicle development of any country ;

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto : and

(c) how does Government propose to sort this out so that the development of SLV does not stand in the way of Indian scientists in Space programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) All dual use items, as interpreted by USA, which can be used in the development if rocket technology, even for peaceful applications, are banned for export to countries outside the MTCR. The Government of India, being fully aware of this situation, is committed to build self reliance in this area.

Implementation of Potable water Projects in Bihar

*116. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to finance and implement potable water projects in Bihar in the near future ;

(b) if So, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether some projects are likely to be undertaken by Government on priority